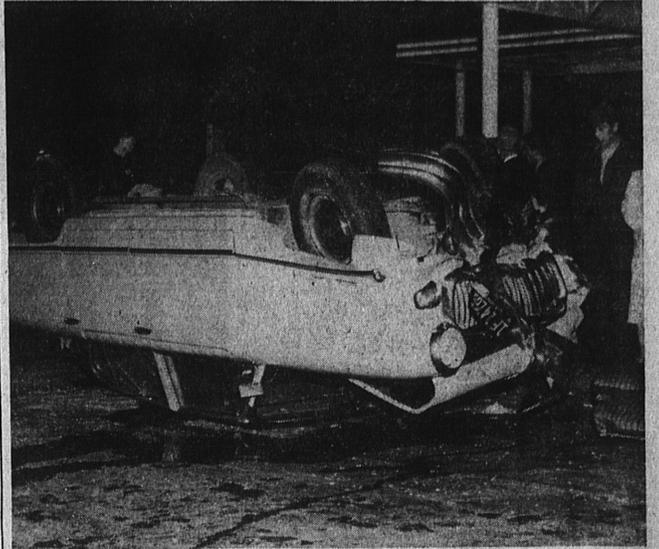


Two Die in Spectacular Crashes

FLAMES DESTROY HOUSE; FAMILY OF 14 HOMELESS



INVOLVED IN FATAL CRASH . . . Showering sparks as it skidded on its top was this late model Nash which scraped to a stop inches short of a station at Carson St. and Western Ave. Driver of other vehicle was killed.

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INTRICATE WORK . . . Thousands of electrical parts compose the communications system known as "crossbar," which is now being installed in Pacific Telephone's Torrance central office building at 1507 Cravens Ave. Patiently soldering some of the thousands of connections are Western Electric installers Charles S. Olson, Elmer Boydston, and H. L. Durham.

Five No. Torrance Homes Burglarized

A series of burglaries, believed to be the work of a juvenile, has been plaguing residents of North Torrance where five burglaries have been reported within a week.

Richard Helms, 16533 Wilkie Ave., reported to police that someone entered his home sometime between 4 p.m. and midnight on Sunday and stole three watches having nominal value.

A block north, at the home of Carl Obert, 16427 Wilkie Ave., someone climbed in a side window and stole a movie camera, a piggy bank, a man's Bulova watch, a roll of developed film and cuff links initialed "C." Value of the missing property was set at \$180.

At approximately 11:43 p.m. on Feb. 22 Mary Pringle, 4216 W. 178th St., opened her front door and surprised a prowler in her home, she reported to Torrance Police Det. Lt. Ernie Ashton.

While he was gone for two hours on Feb. 20, someone broke into his home at 4003 W. 176th St. and stole some inexpensive jewelry, tools, and a model airplane engine, the victim reported to Sgt. Percy Bennett of the local police department. Among the missing jewelry items were cuff links bearing the initials "E. O. J.," he told police.

While he and his wife slept, a foot-pad entered their home and helmed \$35.00 contained in two purses on the dresser of his home at 16929 Eastwood Ave., E. R. Olson reported last Friday.

Schools Here Get New Aid

\$261,700 Federal Aid Allocated to Torrance

Between plane changes in Washington last week, Dr. J. H. Hull made a visit which netted the school district \$261,700. The money represented an increase to a sum of \$235,000 requested by the Torrance Unified School District to help finance the construction of the Greenshaw School. The federal aid was granted to the local district when the board showed the federal government that a large influx of students into local schools were the children of workers engaged in defense plant work.

Expedites Building. Allocation of the federal money means the school board can proceed immediately with the construction of the permanent school. At present the school is housed in bungalows and instructs pupils from kindergarten to sixth grade. The new school will include the seventh and eighth grades.

Torrance qualified for the government assistance when district administrators presented the government with information contained on questionnaires sent home and filled out by parents in June of 1951.

Makes Capital Call. Dr. Hull was flying from Atlantic City where he attended the American Association of School Administrators Convention when he made the between-planes call on officials in the nation's capital.

Bids for the construction of two new schools and the addition to another will be opened Friday at district headquarters. Out for bid are plans and specifications for the Dr. Howard A. Wood School on 235th St. west of Arlington Ave. and the Evelyn Carr School on 186th St. near Yukon Ave., and a four-classroom addition to the Madonna Ave. School.

All schools are to be of precast concrete construction. They are expected to be ready by fall.

Home Entered Three Times Within Month

Someone appears determined to burglarize the home of David Carrell, 16931 Osage Ave. Three times within a month Carrell has discovered his house had been broken into. On the first occasion, Jan. 11, the victim surprised the burglar in the act but was unable to capture him. On Jan. 25 Carrell reported his home had been re-entered.

On Feb. 18 someone attempted to smash a chain latch he had installed on his front door and tore off part of the casing, Carrell told Det. Lt. Ernie Ashton. However nothing was taken during any of the burglar's three visits, Carrell reported.

Speech Contest Date Set

The annual Lions Club Student Speakers Contest will be held on March 10, it was announced this week by Warren Hamilton, chairman.

Plea Made for More Red Cross Campaign Aides

More residential workers are needed desperately for the coming Red Cross drive, Virginia Van Dyke, residential chairman, announced yesterday.

"We need at least four colonels to take charge of sections; four majors who will each supervise ten women, and a number of residential solicitors," she said. "Anyone wishing to volunteer their services may call me at 3381-M."

Workers will gather at the YWCA building at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, March 5, for a kick-off meeting. After receiving final instructions over coffee and doughnuts, they will canvass the city for contributions. The drive will continue for two weeks.

YMCA Fund Drive Near Half of Goal

Volunteer workers for the YMCA have raised 42 per cent of the goal in the current support campaign. It was announced yesterday by Stanley Roberts, executive secretary of the local YMCA branch.

The industrial division has raised \$2518.50, the professional \$672.87, commercial \$1585, and the field \$957, Roberts reported. The campaign will continue through the coming weeks, he pointed out.

Family, 12 Kids, Left Homeless In \$3000 Fire

A Pueblo family including 12 children were left homeless Sunday night when a fire completely destroyed their home, furnishings, and clothing.

Left in charred ruins was the home of Anthony Moreno, a Columbia Steel worker, of 2219 W. 203rd St.

Battalion Chief Gene Walker estimated the damage at \$3000. There was no insurance. Salvageable material was estimated at \$100.

At present the homeless family, ranging in age from 10 months to 19 years, has moved in with Mrs. Moreno's father at 2234 W. 203rd St.

The blaze, believed to have started from a short circuit, was battled for two hours. Two other houses were ignited by the flames which firemen had to fight before turning to the blazing Moreno home.

Meanwhile Dick Felker, chairman of the Torrance Chapter of the Red Cross, said the relief agency had declared the fire a disaster and had assigned workers to the case to find a home for the stricken family.

"This is the type of an emergency for which the Red Cross is geared," stated Felker. "Clothing and food for the family will come relatively easy, but finding a home for a family of 14 is not going to be easy," Felker pointed out.

School Administered Recreation Urged

A well-rounded recreation program administered by the schools was advocated at a meeting of the City Council Tuesday night by the father of an ex-Torrance High School boy who was picked up by police on Lincoln's birthday after he and a group of other boys were found playing basketball in the boys gym.

"The only intelligent thing to do," Arthur Sues, 1734 W. 234th St., told the council, "is to turn over to the schools the responsibility of administering the city's recreation programs."

He said he realized the city was handicapped and facing "an impossible situation" with the small amount of funds budgeted for recreation.

He charged a misuse of talent when teachers, skilled in recreational fields, were working in steel mills during summer vacation periods. Sues advocated the hiring of teachers as recreation directors during non-school hours.

"The answer to the narcotic problem is a well-planned, wisely-administered recreation program supervised by the School Board," Sues claimed.

62 More New North Torrance Homes Started

Permits for 62 more new residences in Torrance were issued this week by the city's building department. Total value of the new homes is more than half a million dollars.

Thirty-three of the new homes will be built by Imperial Homes on 168th St. and Ardath, Green Tree Homes, Inc., will build eleven at 168th and Casimir, and Garden Crest Homes, Inc., will build eighteen at 168th and Wilkie.

Total building for February to date is \$2,532,501, according to Clerk Walter C. Bradford. Last year at this time, the city total was \$2,387,940.

Overtured Car Stops Short of Gasoline Pumps

Two men are dead and a third is in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital as a result of auto crashes here over the week-end.

Killed when he was crushed between an auto and a telephone pole at Normandie Ave. and Carson St. Saturday night was Albert Castro, 24, Los Angeles. Critically injured in the collision was Robert Wright, 40, of 4555 W. 161st St.

Sunday Crash Fatal. Killed Sunday in a two-car collision at Western Ave. and Carson St. was William Mitchell, 29, of 616 E. Carson St. Injured in the Sunday crash were Albert W. Hogue, 22, driver of the other car, and two other Navy enlisted men.

Police said Castro was driving a car which collided with one driven by Wright. Castro was thrown out of his vehicle by the crash and was pinned against Wright's car which crushed him when it slid into a telephone pole.

Work to Free Victim. Police and fire department workers labored nearly a half-hour before they were able to extricate Castro's body and Wright from underneath the overturned vehicle.

Ernest Salazar, 16, Los Angeles, a passenger with Castro, escaped with cuts and bruises, and a leg injury, police reported. Mitchell was killed in a grinding collision which ended with one car upside down against a nearby service station gas pump, and the other some distance away near some city buildings. Both cars were demolished.

In a minor collision Monday afternoon, Cora B. Dukess, 76, of 617 E. Carson St., suffered a broken arm and was treated at Harbor General Hospital. She was injured when a car driven by Donald R. Gingras, 21, of Los Angeles, collided at Moneta Ave. and Main St. with one driven by Leroy A. Dukess, 70, of the Carson St. address.

High Electric Rates Prompt Council Action

Because power rates in Torrance are higher than in surrounding areas, Councilman Willys Blount Tuesday night moved that city officials enter negotiations with the Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light to supply electricity to this city.

At present electricity is being supplied by the Southern California Edison Co. Blount pointed out that not only are present rates higher, but also that another rate raise is being sought by the Edison Co.

Lew Jenkins, district manager for the power company, explained the higher rates, saying the scattered residential developments in the city make the supplying of electricity an expensive undertaking. "We'll just see what Los Angeles has to say about the matter," Blount explained.



SURVEY DAMAGE . . . Anthony Moreno, father of 12 children, shows Dick Felker and J. Hugh Sherrey, local Red Cross volunteers, the damage done to his home by a \$3000 fire that completely gutted his home Sunday night. The

Red Cross moved in only hours after the fire to help Moreno find a home and to offer additional help in providing food and clothing for the disaster-struck local family.